

CLAIMS

1. A method of printing a patterned layer onto a substrate (4), the method comprising:
- 5 detecting (30) the alignment of each of plural areas on the substrate; individually positioning (32) subbeds (42-45) of a printing machine (40) in accordance with the detected alignment; transferring (34) material from clichés supported on the subbeds onto a common carrier (16); and
- 10 transferring (35) the material from the common carrier (16) onto the substrate.
2. A method of printing a patterned layer onto a first substrate (4), the method comprising:
- 15 detecting (60) the alignment of each of plural areas on a second substrate; individually positioning (61) subbeds (42-45) of a printing machine (40) in accordance with the detected alignment; transferring (62) material from clichés (50-53) supported on the subbeds
- 20 onto a common carrier (16); and transferring (65) the material from the common carrier (16) onto the first substrate.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, comprising detecting
- 25 (31; 61) the alignment of the clichés supported on the subbeds, and positioning the subbeds also in accordance with the detected alignment of the clichés.
4. A substrate provided with a printed patterned layer through the
- 30 method of any of claims 1 to 3.
5. A device including a part of a substrate according to claim 4.

6. A printing machine bed (41) comprising an array of subbeds (42-45) individually alignable in a common plane.

5 7. A bed as claimed in claim 6, comprising an array of four or more individually alignable subbeds.

8. A printing machine (40) including a bed as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 and a controller (54) operable to control alignment of the subbeds.